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Ceremony to dedicate site for Michigan Law Enforcement Memorial Monument

LANSING – A ceremony dedicating the site for the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument will be held Wednesday, Oct. 19, in Michigan Capitol Park. Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm will participate in the event, which begins at 1:00 p.m. U.S. Sen. John Kerry is expected to join her.

The memorial will be built to honor Michigan officers who died in service to the citizens of the state. The monument will include the names of all 531 officers.

“It’s nearly impossible to overstate the importance of the work Michigan’s law enforcement does each day to ensure that our families and loved ones are safe,” said the Governor. “This memorial will ensure that they are always remembered for their sacrifice.”

In addition to Granholm and Kerry, speakers will include Virg Bernero, Lansing mayor; Phyllis Mellon, Department of Management and Budget chief deputy director; Anthony Gomez-Mesquita, Michigan State Police major; Gene Wriggelsworth, Ingham County sheriff; and Kathy Coles, Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Commission chairperson.

The ceremony will unveil a sign marking the location of the monument. A statewide design competition for the monument is in progress. The winner will be announced in February, and construction is expected to begin in 2007.

The public is invited to attend the dedication. Michigan Capitol Park is adjacent to the Michigan Hall of Justice between Ottawa and Allegan streets on the east end of the Capitol Mall. The Michigan Vietnam Monument and the Military Order of the Purple Heart Monument are also located in the park.

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